

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 11, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 427, HB 526, HB 558, HB
529, HB 556, 2/8/1999

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Re. Bergslagel, introduced HB 497.

EXHIBIT(buh34a01) **EXHIBIT**(buh34a02) **EXHIBIT**(buh34a04)

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Proponents' Testimony: Greg Van Horsenn, State Farm Ins.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 205}

Larie Karn, Montana Farm Bureau **EXHIBIT**(buh34a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 205 - 229}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurers Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 229 - 440}

Jon Metropolis, Farmers Insurance Group

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 440 - 500}

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 29}

Opponents' Testimony: Mark O'Keefe, State Auditor

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 169}

Kate Chowleva, Montana Women's Lobby **EXHIBIT**(buh34a05)

EXHIBIT(buh34a06) **EXHIBIT**(buh34a07)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 169 - 261}

Christine Kaufman, Montana Human Rights Network

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 261 - 350}

Linda Grczack, MT Coalition against violence. **EXHIBIT**(buh34a08)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 350 - 374}

Marcia Youngman, Commissioner, Gallatin County **EXHIBIT**(buh34a09)

EXHIBIT(buh34a10) **EXHIBIT**(buh34a11)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 374 - 492}

Kate McGurdie, Women Opportunity and Resource **EXHIBIT**(buh34a12)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 492 - 495}

Wendy Young, WEEL **EXHIBIT**(buh34a13) **EXHIBIT**(buh34a14)

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

Rebecca Moe, BPW,

Scott Cuten, ACLU

Christie Schweitzer, Montana Trial Lawyers

Annie Broadsey

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 495 - 500}

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 17}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Pavlovich, Lawson, Barnett, Squires, Juneau, Tuss, Bookout, McKenney, Krenzler and Simon question witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 412}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bergslagel closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 412 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 526

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Mangen, HD 45 introduced HB 526. **EXHIBIT**(buh34a15)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 176}

Proponents' Testimony: Senator J D Lynch, Butte

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 176 - 207}

Birney Harrington, store owner of Miles City

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 207 - 231}

Don Hutchinson, Div of Banking, Dept of Commerce

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 231 - 261}

Opponents' Testimony: Gary Hughes

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 261 - 264}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Squires, Stovall, Lawson, McKenney, Sliter, Tuss and Simon questions witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 264 - 500}

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 100}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Mangen closed. HB 526

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 140}

HEARING ON HB 558

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bitney HD 77 introduced HB 558.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 176}

Proponents' Testimony: Jerry Lindorf, Mt. Consumers Loan Assn.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 176 - 183}

Dennis Green, Pres. MT Consumers Finance Groups
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 183 - 192}

Don Hutchinson, Dept of Commerce,
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 192 - 195}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Bookout and
McKenny question Commissioner.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 195 - 309}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bitney closed.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 309 - 330}

HEARING ON HB 529

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Juneau introduced HB 529.
EXHIBIT (buh34a16) **EXHIBIT** (buh34a17) **EXHIBIT** (buh34a18)
EXHIBIT (buh34a19)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 330 - 430}

Proponents' Testimony: Lance Melton, Montana School Board Assn.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 430 - 472}

David Ewer
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 472 - 499}

Bill Cooper, Dep. Supt. OPI
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 499 - 506}

Salish Kootenai Tribe members. **EXHIBIT** (buh34a20)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 506 - 515}

Steve Brady, Lame Deer High Students.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 108}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Barnett,
and Bitney question witnesses.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 56 - 180}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Juneau closed HB 529
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 180 - 221}

HEARING ON HB 556

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ewer introduced HB 556.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 221 - 291}

Proponents' Testimony: Don Judge, AFL-CIO
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 291 - 472}

John Dwyer, Teamsters Union
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 472 - 480}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 480 - 500}

Kristi Schweitzer, MT Trial Lawyers
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 500 - 515}

Keith Allen, IBEW
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 10}

Opponents' Testimony: Rod Seaman, Montana Building Assn.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 26}

John Augustine Conoco
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26 - 62}

Rex Manual, Cenex
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 77}

Mike Lahr, Montana Power Co.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 77 - 98}

Gail Abercrombie, Montan Petroleum Assn.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 98 - 130}

Tom Ebzery, Billings Exxon
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 130 - 134}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 134 - 227}

Nancy Butler, State Fund

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 227 - 254}

Geo. Wood, Montana Self Insurers

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 254 - 277}

Bob Worthington, Mt. Cities Work Comp.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 277 - 304}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Trexler,
Squires and Krenzler question witnesses.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 304 - 500}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ewer closed.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 23}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved HB 249. Motion failed 7-11.
REP. PAVLOVICH, MATTHEWS, JUNEAU, EWER, KRENZLER, SQUIRES AND
TUSS VOTED YES.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 100}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:48 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh34aad)